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SUBJECT: US PROPOSAL FOR DUE PROCESS INVESTIGATIVE
MECHANISM

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1. IN SEPARATE MEETINGS BOTH ADG NAJMAN AND DAD KABORE
TOLD PERMREP THEY SEE NO PROBLEM IN US TAKING INITIATIVE
IN STATEMENT AT 102ND BOARD. NAJMAN SAID HE IS
BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE PLAN TO DEVELOP A MECHANISM
TO MUTE POLITICAL DISPUTES. HOWEVER, HE QUESTIONED
WHETHER THE US PROPOSAL WOULD ULTIMATELY PROVE PRAC-
TICAL IN THE UNESCO CONTEXT. NAJMAN SAID HE WAS VERY
FAMILIAR WITH THE ILO MODEL. HE SAID HE DOUBTED
WHETHER THE EXBD WOULD BE WILLING TO GIVE UP AUTHORITY
TO AN INDEPENDENT BODY. HOWEVER, NAJMAN SAID THAT SOME
MECHANISM MIGHT BE DEVELOPED AND HE WOULD EXPECT THAT
THE PROPER PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR A PLAN TO EVOLVE
THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS ONCE THE INITIATIVE
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IS LAUNCHED.

2. NAJMAN WONDERED WHETHER THE HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA
ITEM IS THE BEST PLACE TO RAISE THE ISSUE, ALTHOUGH HE
CONCEDED THAT AT THIS BOARD SESSION IT WAS THE ONLY
LOGICAL PLACE ON THE AGENDA. HE SAID THAT IF AMBASS-
ADOR YOUNG VISITS UNESCO HE MIGHT TAKE THE PROPOSITION

TO THE BOARD. NAJMAN SAID THIS WOULD PREVENT COUNTER DEBATE.

3. KABORE SAID SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS NAJMAN ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT NOT TO TIP OUR HAND TOO MUCH NOW SO AS TO PREVENT THE OPPOSITION FROM DEVELOPING A RESPONSE IN ADVANCE. KABORE SAID IN HIS VIEW IT IS BEST TO CONSULT ONLY TRUSTED ALLIES AND KEEP THE INITIATIVE AT A LOW KEY UNTIL IT IS LAUNCHED. OTHERWISE OPPONENTS WILL BE PREPARED TO LAUNCH AN IMMEDIATE ATTACK AND HE WOULD HOPE THIS SPRING BOARD WOULD BE WITHOUT ACRIMONY. KABORE AGREED TO WORK WITH US IN CONTACTING AFRICAN PERMREPS WHO MIGHT BE SYMPATHETIC. HE SAID HE WOULD GIVE THIS MORE THOUGHT AND TALK MORE WITH US.

4. BOTH KABORE AND NAJMAN AGREED TO MENTION THE INITIATIVE TO THE DG AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

5. COMMENT: NOW THAT SPADE WORK HAS BEEN DONE WITH KEY SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS, PERMDEL INTENDS TO BROADEN OUR BASE BY TALKING QUIETLY TO FRIENDLY LDC'S, PARTICULARLY LATINS AND AFRICANS. ALSO, WE INTEND TO GIVE

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THE BASIC DETAILS OF OUR INITIATIVE TO THE APRIL 15
MEETING OF THE INFO. GROUP. AS REPORTED IN PARIS 10197.
PERMREP MEETS WITH THE UNESCO NINE THURSDAY AFTERNOON
AND WE WILL CONTINUE INDIVIDUAL TALKS. THUS FAR, WE
SEE NO DIFFICULTY IN PROCEEDING WITH THE
INITIATIVES BY WAY OF A CAREFULLY DRAFTED STATEMENT FOR
PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD. SUGGEST THAT NOW THAT DOCU-
MENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROCEDURES HAS BEEN RECEIVED,
DEPARTMENT AND PERMDEL BEGIN TO FORMULATE LANGUAGE FOR
OUR STATEMENT. PART OF STATEMENT SHOULD BE CONCERNED
WITH ANALYSIS OF OUR POSITION ON SECRETARIATE PRO-
POSALS AND THEN LEAD INTO OUR INITIATIVE. RECOMMEND
HEATER, DEPARTMENT AND WAVARIV, PERMDEL BEGIN TO
ANALYZE DOCUMENTS AND PREPARE STATEMENT SETTING FORTH
US INITIATIVE. WE WOULD LIKE TO DISUCSS OUTLINES OF
STATEMENT IN CORRIDORS WITH KEY BOARD MEMBERS DURING
FIRST WEEK OF BOARD. AFTER MEETING WITH THE NINE AND
SOUNDING OUT FRIENDLY LDC'S, WE WILL BE IN BETTER
POSITION TO JUDGE WHETHER OR NOT GOING TO CAPITALS
ESSENTIAL.
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